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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her withdrawal of the prior rejections. Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,058,379 to Odom et al. ("Odom"). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth below.

The rejection over Odom is improper because Odom issued on May 2, 2000, *less* than one year prior to the present application's filing date of October 26, 2000. Furthermore, the presently pending claims are fully supported by and entitled to the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/161,369 filed October 26, 1999. Thus, the present application is entitled to a filing date which is well prior to the May 2, 2000 issue date of Odom. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Furthermore, Applicant notes that Odom et al. fail to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed step of generating mutually created conditional original sales offers from sellers, each of the conditional original sales offers including a term specified by the buyer and a term specified by the seller, the term specified by the seller being a term not specified by the buyer.

CONCLUSION

Having overcome all objections and rejections, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is specifically requested. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0653.

Respectfully submitted,

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